

WAC 197-11-970 Determination of nonsignificance (DNS).

DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal:

Emerald Services, Inc. proposes to renew their dangerous waste permit. Ecology first issued a dangerous waste permit for this location and operation on May 23, 1999. Emerald stores dangerous wastes in containers and tanks. They recycle waste solvents and antifreeze to make clean and reusable products. They use distillation equipment to separate contaminants from usable materials. Emerald also blends contaminated oils, paint-related wastes, ink formulations, and other organic wastes into fuels for energy recovery. They ship the blended fuels out-of-state to a hazardous waste permitted industrial facility, which destroys the waste and uses the energy produced for industrial processes. Emerald also accepts a limited amount of dangerous waste not processed at the Tacoma facility. They store these wastes in containers and then ship them to another facility for processing or disposal. Emerald does not incinerate or dispose of any wastes at the Tacoma Facility.

Emerald will continue to use existing structures and the same basic operations for waste management as they did under the previous permit. They will increase their container and tank storage capacities under the renewed permit. The renewed dangerous waste permit is very specific about how Emerald must safely meet regulatory requirements.

Proponent: Emerald Services, Inc.

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: 1825 Alexander Avenue, Tacoma, WA 98108

Lead agency: Washington Department of Ecology

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal until the conclusion of the public comment period on the dangerous waste permit. That comment period ends on February 15, 2010.

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